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FOU-HSIN INCREASES COAL OUTPUT;
HAN-K'OU OIL REFINERIES IDLE

1949 OUTPUT MAY BE 1,800,000 TONS -- Wen-hui Pao, 8 Aug 49

Shen-yang, 7 August 1949, (NCNA) -- The Fou-hsin coal mine in Lias Province in the last 5 months has completed 99.6% of the year's goal of restoring 21,670 meters of mine tracks.

At the end of 30 May 1949, 30 pits had been restored, as compared to the estimate for the year of 23. Sixteen of the restored pits are already producing at a rate of 100 percent above the estimated production. At this mine, there are three open-cut areas, of which one is being enlarged, another has begun producing, and the third is being opened.

Production at this mine has increased in 1949 from 42,000 tons in January to 110,000 tons in April and 201,000 tons in May. The planned output for the year is 1,500,000 tons, but the total may reach 1,800,000 tons.

This production increase has been due both to large expenditures by the authorities to increase personnel and equipment and to the fine spirit of the miners. Risking fire and gas, the workers have in 5 months restored 10,500 meters of tracks in five pits and mined many tens of thousands of tons of coal. There have been fires in three shafts. The shafts are full of gas which creates a danger of fire.

On the occasion of one mine fire, 90 youth corpsmen boldly went into the mine and subdued the blaze.

Artisans have done a great deal of repair work on conveyor belts, mine locomotives, etc.

The administration has done much to aid restoration by supplying pumps, coal cars, and similar equipment.

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REFINERIES NEAR BANKRUPTCY -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 8 May 1949

Han-k'ou -- Most of the 33 oil refineries in Han-k'ou are now in bankruptcy. A few are still being operated with the small amount of oil which continue to be received from the outside.

Heretofore, the raw material for these refineries was supplied by the Anglo Asiatic and Standard oil companies. This oil was not crude oil but a type of light oil which was not considered very useful by the Chinese, which the Chinese bought for a low price and processed for kerosene. The kerosene was low in grade but was welcomed by poor rural dwellers because it was cheap and could act as a substitute for the lack of electricity. Now that this supply has virtually stopped, however, and since most of the cities now have electricity or oil lamps which do not use low-grade kerosene, these refineries are going out of business.

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